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1. FOLLOWING ARE SOME SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS FOR
PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETING APRIL 5 WITH SWEDISH KING
CARL XVI GUSTAF:

(A) DISCUSSION OF KING'S ITINERARY IN THE UNITED STATES;
THE KING WOULD BE FLATTERED IF THE PRESIDENT DEMONSTRATED
FAMILIARITY WITH THE BROAD OUTLINES OF THE KING'S
SCHEDULE IN THE U.S.

(B) POINT OUT THAT FACT THAT KING IS BEING RECEIVED
BY PRESIDENT IS AN INDICATION THAT U.S.-SWEDISH RELATIONS
ARE NOW CLOSE AND FRIENDLY. THE KING'S VISIT IS A
REFLECTION OF THE LONG TRADITION OF FRIENDSHIP WHICH GOES
BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE REPUBLIC 200 YEARS AGOM

(C) THE KING IS AN AVID SPORTS FAN AND AN ACCOMPLISHED
ATHLETE. IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO
MENTION THAT HE HAS FOLLOWED WITH INTEREST THE CAREERS OF
TWO GREAT SWEDISH ATHLETES, INGMAR STENMARK AND BJORN BORG.
THE PRESIDENT MIGHT ALSO ALLUDE TO HIS OWN INTEREST IN
SKIING AND TENNIS.

(D) ANOTHER INTEREST OF THE KING IS SCIENCE, AND HE
WILL BE VISITING VARIOUS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CENTERS
AROUND THE COUNTRY. THE PRESIDENT MIGHT WISH TO TOUCH ON
THE ADMINISTRATION'S SUPPORT OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN
THE U.S.

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